GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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FIXATION OF PRICES OF MEDICINES
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the prices of Amikacin, Dextropropoxyphena, Diosmin and Mefemamic Acid formulations have either not been fixed or they are being overcharged ; and

(b): if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor ?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers (SHRI S.B.MOOKHERJEE)

(a)&(b): Formulations of Amikacin and Mefenamic Acid are non-Scheduled formulations under the Drugs (Prices Control)Order,1995, (DPCO 1995), hence,their formulators are free to fix their own prices. Formulations based on Dextropropoxyphene and Diosmin are Scheduled formulations under the DPCO,1995. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) had fixed ceiling/non-ceiling prices of Dextropropoxyphene and Diosmin based formulations. No case of overcharging with regard to Dextropropoxyphene based formulations has been noticed. In case of formulations based on Diosmin, show-cause notices were issued to two companies for overcharging under Para 13 of DPCO, 1995.